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**ABC/SAC. P.D./DMV CRACK DOWN ON FAKE IDs**

**Sacramento** – The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), Sacramento Police Department, and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) conducted an operation Saturday night designed to send a message about the illegal use of fake driver licenses. An officer from the Folsom Police Department also assisted with anticipation of similar operations to be conducted in the City of Folsom.

With the cooperation and encouragement of the management of a nightclub known as 815 L Street, investigators/officers from the four agencies conducted a Trap Door Operation. The operation involves the law enforcement officers posing as security at the club, checking IDs, and arresting anyone with a fake identification.

During the operation, officers/investigators checked 455 IDs. The result was that two were turned away for having no identification, one person was turned away for being intoxicated, four had expired driving licenses, and one under age female was arrested for possession of false identification, and unlawful use of an altered ID.

The operation was the result of a concern raised by the management staff of the Club. The operations manager for the Northern California Division of Nightclub Industries, who goes only by the name "Blue", said she has seen an abundance of fake IDs at her clubs, as well as people attempting to use IDs that are not their own. Said Blue, "I hope this sends a message that underage individuals will not be tolerated in our clubs. This is a wonderful program, and one that we welcome. With the help of the police department, ABC and the DMV, we hope this program can be instituted in all of our venues."

Similar operations are expected in the near future at other nightclubs.

Operation Trap Door was part of the California State University/ABC Alcohol Partnership Grant Program, which is federally funded through the Governor's Office of Traffic Safety, and administered by ABC. The Program works with liquor licensees who have businesses in the general vicinity of university campuses.

Through education, prevention, and enforcement, the program is designed to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors, and reduce alcohol abuse and binge drinking by university students.

For information on Saturday's operation, and pending operations, the media should contact ABC Investigator Eric Szakacs at 227-2157.

ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Secretary Maria Contreras-Sweet, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.